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SUBJ: ECOSOC COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: AGENDA ITEMS 4 (D) AND 10 - YOUTH

- 1. FOLLOWING AS THE LAST PARAGRAPH IS A PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON YOUTH. THE RESOLUTION IS ACTUALLY A PRODUCT OF THE ROMANIAN DELEGATIONS, ALTHOUGH AS THE CHAIRMAN IS ROMANIAN, THE DELEGATION HAS TAKEN NO PART IN THE INFORMAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN CHAIRED BY THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION.
- 2. AT PRESENT THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE OF THE DRAFT IS PREAMBULAR PARA 4 CONCERNING USHERING IN OF THE NIEO. WE RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT WE GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS ON THIS RESOLUTION WITH AN APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON PREAMBULAR PARA 4. THIS RESOLUTION REPRESENTS A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE ORIGINAL DRAFT WHICH INCLUDED REFERENCE TO THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND INCLUDED MENTION OF POSSIBLE UN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, THE HOLDING OF A SECOND UN WORLD CONGRESS OF YOUTH DURING THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL FOR YOUTH PROBLEMS AND A HOST OF OTHER
SUGGESTIONS WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SUCH AS NAMING YOUTH
ADVISERS IN VARIOUS UN GODIES AND CHANNELING OF FUNDS FROM THE
REGULAR BUDGET TO THE GENEVA INFORMAL MEETING (GIM) WHICH IS A
GROUPING OF NGO'S. THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION ALSO ASKED THAT THE GIM
BE DESIGNATED AS A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NON-GOVERNMENTAL

ORGANIZATIONS. DEPARTMENT COMMENT REQUESTED.

3. BEGIN TEXT

YOUTH AND THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,

RECALLING THAT SINCE 1965 NUMEROUS RESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ON THE SITUATION AND NEEDS OF YOUTH BOTH BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;

CONVINCED OF THE IMPERATIVE NEED TO DIRECT THE ENERGIES, ENTHUSIASM AND CREATIVE ABILITIES OF YOUTH TO THE TASK OF NATION BUILDING, THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT OF PEOPLES, THE PRESERVATION OF WORLD PEACE, THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING;

AWARE OF THE CONTINUING NEED TO EDUCATE YOUTH IN THE SPIRIT OF THE IDEALS OF PEACE, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES AND TO FOSTER AMONG YOUTH RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLES, IRRESPECTIVE OF

NATIONALITY, RACE, SEX OR RELIGION, REGARD FOR HUMAN VALUES AND DEVOTION TO THE IDEALS OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND PROGRESS AND TO THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

(BEARING IN MIND THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION THAT YOUTH CAN MAKE TO THE EVOLUTION OF CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND

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JUSTICE AND TO THE USHERING IN OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER:)

TAKING NOTE THAT THE REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE POPULAR PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND CHILDREN E.CN.5-532 AND ON PROBLEMS FACING YOUTH E/CN/5-534, ARE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH IN THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETY AND THAT THESE REPORTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS;

NOTING THE WIDE VARIETY OF PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN ORDER TO IMPROVE

THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND YOUTH AND

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND TO ENSURE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALL STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

LEVELS;

BELIEVING THAT IT IS URGENTLY DESIRABLE TO CONSOLIDATE THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SO AS TO GIVE EFFECT TO COORDINATED AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO YOUTH PROGRAMMES OF ALL UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES INVOLVED AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OF YOUTH OR DIRECTLY DEALING WITH YOUTH;

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1. TAKES NOTE OF THE PROGRESS REPORT IN E/CN.5.527 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT AMONG YOUTH RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTRES AND REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE 26TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION A FURTHER PROGRESS REPORT,TAKING INTO

ACCOUNT THE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS EXPRESSED AT THE 25TH SESSION.

- 2. DECIDES TO INCLUDE ON THE AGENDA OF ITS 26TH SESSION AN ITEM ENTITLED "YOUTH IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD."
- 3. RECOMMENDS THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION :

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING THE MANY PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS BOTH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ITSELF ON YOUTH; WISHING TO IMPROVE AND COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, NOTING THE VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT OF YOUTH EXPRESSED IN THE

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

RECALLING RESOLUTION GA 31/129, ON POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOUTH; RESOLUTION GA 31/130 ON THE ROLE OF YOUTH, RESOLUTION GA 31/131 ON THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME AND RESOLUTION GA 31/132 ON CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION WITH YOUTH,

- 1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN THE COURSE OF PREPARING THE REPORTS CALLED FOR IN RESOLUTION GA 31/129 (PARA. 4) AND GA. 31/130 (PARA.6), TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL, THROUGH THE 26TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROPOSALS FOR ACTION-ORIENTED GUIDELINES WHICH WOULD HELP TO IDENTIFY THE PARTICULAR POLICIES AND ACTIONS REQUIRED AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS TO BRING ABOUT MORE EFFECTIVE AND WIDESPREAD YOUTH PARTICIPATION;
- 2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN ORDER TO GIVE EFFECT TO A COORDINATED AND PRACTICAL APPROACH TO YOUTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMMS

(AS WELL AS TO THE CREATION OF MORE EFFECTIVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

TO ESTABLISH AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE DRAWN FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH YOUTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES;

3. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 32ND SESSION TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING

GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND YOUTH AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION (SEE ANNEX)

A. NATIONAL

(I) THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO CONTINUE EXPLORING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WAYS TO INVOLVE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL;

(II) THE UNITED NATIIONS OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE JOINT UNITED NATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ISSUES IN WHCH THE UNITED NATIONS IS WORKING IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ATTRACT AND INTEREST YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM

TO BE INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRES (III) BEARING IN MID PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN HIS NOTE (E/CN.5/528) ON YOUTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES, THE SECRETARY-GENERLAL SHOULD EXPLORE, IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS THE FEASIBILITY OF IDENTIFYING A NATIONAL LIAISON AND FOCAL POINT ON YOUTH WITHIN EACH COUNTRY, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE NETWORKS OF NATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET UP TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIMN BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN ALLIED FIELDS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

B. REGIONAL

THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO CONSIDER AT THEIR FORTHCOMING SESSIONS APPROPRIATE FORMS IN WHICH REGIONAL COMMISSIONS CAN ASSIST GOVERNMENTS IN THIS FIELD AND ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH YOUTH AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS STRENGTHENING AND ENLARGEMENT OF CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND JOINT PROJECTS AND THE CONVENING OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS.

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C. INTERNATIONAL

(I) THE SCOPE OF THE QUARTERLY YOUTH INFORMATION BULLETIN SHOULD BE EXTENDED AND IT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN FRENCH AND SPANISH IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS. BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES DEALING WITH YOUTH SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE MATERIAL FOR DISSEMINATION THROUGH THE BULLETIN AND TO ASSIST IN ITS DISTRIBUTION SO THAT IT COULD

BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AS POSSIBLE;

(II) THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFORMATION IN THE CREATION OF SUITABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED WITHIN THEIR EXISTING BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS;
(III) THE SECRETARY GENERAL MAY CONSULT WITH INTERNATIONAL NGO'S IN ORDER TO INCREASE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE UN AND

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WORLD-WIDE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. END TEXT. CATTO

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